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SUBJECT: SECURITY OF NEW CHANCERY PROPERTY

1. OWNER OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO ENTRANCE OF NEW CHANCERY PROPERTY HAS NOW INDICATED, THROUGH ONE OF OUR SENIOR EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES, THAT HE IS WILLING TO SELL PROPERTY TO EMBASSY FOR RS. 400,000 (\$38,100.00). HE IS ALSO WILLING TO LEASE PROPERTY TO EMBASSY FOR RS 2,000 (\$190.00) PER MONTH, PAYABLE ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE.
2. SAME EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE TOLD BY NEPALESE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU CHIEF HARKA BADADUR THAPA, HIS NEIGHBOR, THAT INDIANS INTERESTED ACQUIRING PROPERTY. WHILE THIS CERTAINLY IS NOT EVIDENCE OF FIRM SOVIET INTENTION ACQUIRE PROPERTY, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT SOVIETS ARE WORKING THROUGH INDIANS TO MINIMIZE OUR SUSPICIONS. AT VERY LEAST, IT IS CLEAR INDICATION OF FOREIGN INTEREST IN PROPERTY, WHICH IS UNUSUAL SINCE SHAPE OF PLOT AND TYPE OF BUILDING ON IT DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES TO ORDINARY FOREIGN EMBASSY USE.
3. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD LIKE AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY, PREFERABLY THROUGH PURCHASE. THIS WOULD REMOVE SECURITY THREAT, SETTLE PERMANENTLY QUESTION OF ANOTHER PARTY ACQUIRING IT FOR AS LONG AS WE OCCUPY THE PANI POKHARI PROPERTY, STRAIGHTEN OUT OUR PROPERTY LINES, AND

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GIVE US A BUILDING WHICH WE COULD PUT TO GOOD USE. OWNER

HAS ALREADY INDICATED HE WOULD COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING DIRECTLY FACING NEW CHANCERY WHETHER HE SELLS OR LEASES PROPERTY. IF PURCHASE APPROVED, WE WOULD ASK GON FOR WAIVER OF 50 ROPANI LIMIT ON SECURITY AS WELL AS ESTHETIC GROUNDS. PROPERTY NOT ALL THAT LARGE, ONE ROPANI OR 5,476 SQ FT., AND WE ARE HOPEFUL GON WOULD CONCUR.

4. IF FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER PURCHASE NOT FEASIBLE, WE REQUEST AUTHORITY TO LEASE PROPERTY. LONG-TERM LEASE (FIVE OR TEN YEARS) WOULD SEEM TO BE BEST ARRANGEMENT.

4. APPRECIATE PROMPT TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSE BEFORE OWNER MAKES OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

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